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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Tomochika OZAKI et al.

Serial No.: 08/990,026

Filed: December 12, 1997

Title: MEDIA-INTEGRATING SYSTEM, TERMINAL DEVICE,
RECORDING MEDIUM AND BROADCASTING METHOD FOR USE
IN THE MEDIA-INTEGRATING SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 25, 1998

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26(a), request is hereby made for a refund of the \$1,974 charged to the deposit account for claim fees in connection with the above-identified patent application on February 3, 1998 as shown on the attached copy of the deposit account statement. It is also respectfully requested that the \$246 paid by check also be refunded as explained below.

The application was filed on December 12, 1997. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 45 are independent claims, and Claims 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 were multiple dependent claims but were amended by preliminary amendment (copy attached) to remove the multiple dependency. Claims 46-57 were added by preliminary amendment and are all

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dependent claims. Thus, the correct charge for the total number of claims is \$4,064.00.

The filing fee section of the attached cover sheet shows a total of 57 claims which is 37 claims over the number of claims covered by the basic filing fee. The fee shown and paid is \$814 for the excess number of claims. The total number of independent claims is shown as 36 claims which is 33 claims over the number of claims covered by the basic filing fee, however, this is in error and there are actually only 33 independent claims. The fee shown and paid is \$2706 for the excess number of independent claims, which is \$246 more than should have been paid. It is respectfully requested that this amount also be refunded.

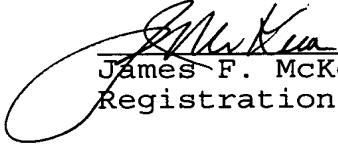
Two checks, No. 30195 for \$3,536 and No. 30197 for \$814, were sent at the time of filing to cover the filing and assignment recordation fees. A copy of the check stubs is attached as well as a copy of postcard received from the PTO Mailroom which acknowledges receipt of same. Therefore, a total refund of \$2,466 should be made to the office of the undersigned.

It is also respectfully requested that if any service charge was charged against the deposit account for being below the minimum balance that it be refunded because the error occurred as the result of the Patent and Trademark Office and not on the part of the office of the undersigned.

Please contact the undersigned if there are questions in reference to this request.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NT/43975).

Respectfully submitted,



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Deposit Account

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